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Please note that all items in this checklist apply only at times that staff are on duty in the service recipient's private home.

Domain 2. Individual Planning and Implementation

Outcome 2A. The person's plan reflects his or her unique needs, expressed preferences and decisions.				
Indicators	Results	Guidance	Comments	
2.A.1. The person and family members report they are active participants in developing the plan to the extent they desire.	Y N NA NA IJ NA NA NA NA NA NA NA N	Individual Interview and /or other review activities as needed to determine if the provider supports the person's and/or family's involvement Provider Manual Reference: 2.5.c.; 3.12.d.		
2.A.4. Current and appropriate assessments of the person's abilities, needs and desires for the future are used in developing the plan. Note: Issues related to the Risk Issues Identification Tool are addressed at Outcome 2.C	Y	The entity that writes an ISP has ultimate responsibilities in this area. The provider actively participates in the information gathering process. Provider Manual Reference: 3.4.; 3.5.; 3.6.b.; 3.6.c.; 3.7.b.; 3.11.d.; 3.12.d.; 3.15.; 3.19.; 10.3.a.		

Outcome 2B. Services and supports are provided according to the person's plan.				
Indicators	Results	Guidance	Comments	
*2.B.2. The person's plan is implemented in a timely manner.	Y	Individual Interview and/or other review activities as needed		
	ij 🗍	Services, plans and programs are developed and implemented according to time frames identified in the person's ISP (or there is documentation to support the extension of a timeframe and the need to update this in the ISP).		
		Provider Manual Reference: 3.10.e.; 3.17.		
*2.B.3. The person receives services and supports as specified in the plan.	NA NA IJ	Services are consistently provided in a timely fashion, and in the approved amount, frequency, intensity and duration identified in the person's Individual Support Plan.		
		Discrepancies in approved hours versus delivered hours are identified and explained.		
		Recommendations are made as needed to reduce discrepancies.		
		Provider Manual Reference: 3.17.; 3.17.a.; 6.11.; 9.8.; 9.8.b.; 10.4.; 10.4.d.; 11.2.c. 7)		
*2.B.4. Provider staff are knowledgeable about the person's plan.	Y	The provider ensures that there is a copy of the current ISP located in the personal assistance record and staff have access.		
	IJ 🗌	Provider staff have received training specific to the person's individual needs, interventions and programs and are knowledgeable about any responsibilities		

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		they have to carry out related to activities identified in the plan.	
		If the person is receiving services from the school system, staff should be knowledgeable about his or her school services.	
		Staff Interview and/or other review activities as needed.	
		Provider Manual Reference: 3.17.; 6.11.; 7.2.b	
*2.B.5. Provider documents provision of services and supports in accordance with the plan.	N NA IJ	Ongoing documentation shows the provider's efforts to implement services and supports in accordance with the person's plan. Documentation is completed and maintained per DMRS provider manual.	
		Provider Manual Reference: 3.17.; 3.17.a.; 6.11.; 8.7.a. 1-7); 9.14.; 10.6.; 12.3.e. 3) – 4) & 6)	
Outcome 2C. Individual risk is ass	essed and ade	quate, timely intervention is provide	ed.
Indicators	Results	Guidance	Comments
*2.C.1. Individual risk (e.g., physical, behavioral) is assessed.	Y	The provider completes the Risk Issues Identification Tool prior to completion of the annual ISP or whenever needed to address emerging needs or amend current support and interventions.	
		Provider Manual Reference: 3.9.; 3.12.b.	
*2.C.2. Supports and interventions address individual risk issues.	Y	Supports and interventions relating to risks are carried out. Provider Manual Reference: 3.9.; 3.9.a	
		d.	
*2.C.4. Provider staff report an		Staff Interview and/or other review	

describe the assessed risk and the supports and interventions to be implemented.	NA	Staff assist with the identification of areas of risk related to the people with whom they work and take action to communicate those risks. Staff understand the risk identification process and their responsibilities and have an understanding of potential risk factors and their implications. Staff are familiar with the specific supports and interventions to be implemented for the person served. Provider Manual Reference: 3.9.; 6.11.; 7.2.b.	
Outcome 2D. The person's plan an			teness and revised as needed.
Indicators	Results	Guidance	Comments
2.D.1. The person and family members report they are active participants in revising the plan.	□□□□ > z z ⊡	Individual Interview and/or other review activities as needed When applicable, assistance is provided to the individual or family to revise the plan. Provider Manual Reference: 2.5.c.; 3.12.d.	
*2.D.6. Provider documentation indicates appropriate monitoring of the plan's implementation.	Y NA IJ	The monthly review includes: 1. The name of the service recipient: 2. The dates of services provided; 3. The service recipient's response to the service; 4. A description of any staff training or changes in written staff instructions intended to alter the provision of direct support services since the previous month including the reasons such alterations were made; 5. Any recommendations for changes to the ISP;	

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		 6. Any significant health-related or medical events occurring since the last review; and 7. The signature and title of the person completing the monthly review, with the date the monthly review was completed. Provider Manual Reference: 3.18.; 	
2.D.7. The provider informs the ISC of	ΥΠ	3.18.a. 1-7); 10.6.c. Documentation reflects when there are	
emerging risk issues or other indicators of need for revision to the individual plan.	N NA IJ	issues that may impact the continued implementation or appropriateness of an ISP or specific outcome, or when there is a need for a periodic review of the ISP, provider staff notify the appropriate persons and provide all needed information and follow the issue to resolution.	
		The service provider ensures that a copy of its agency's monthly review is distributed to the ISC by the 20th calendar day following the month for which the review was completed. Provider Manual Reference: 3.6.b.; 3.8.; 3.9.c.; 3.18.; 3.18.a.; 10.6.c.; 11.2.d. 17)	

Domain 3. Safety and Security

Indicators	Results	Guidance	Comments
3.A.3. Provider responds to emergencies n a timely manner.	Y N NA IJ	When PA staff is on duty, provider documentation indicates appropriate action is taken in a timely manner when emergencies occur. Provider Manual Reference: 7.1.	
3.A.4. Provider staff report that the system for obtaining back-up or emergency staff is working.	Y	Staff Interview Staff demonstrate that emergency procedures and phone numbers are readily available. Provider Manual Reference: 6.8.	
*3.A.5. Providers assess and reassess the home and work environment regarding personal safety and environmental safety issues.	Y N NA IJ IJ	There are no serious safety issues noted in the environment in which the personal assistance services are provided. Provider Manual Reference: 16.3.d.	
*3.A.6. Providers resolve safety issues in a timely manner.	Y	Actions are taken to communicate and rectify any individual safety issues or problems identified. Provider documentation indicates actions are taken and resolution occurs in a timely manner when safety issues are identified.	
		Provider Manual Reference: 19.11.a. 1)	

*3.A.7. Providers use a system of inspection and maintenance of vehicles used for transport.	Y	If provider staff are responsible for transportation, vehicles used for the person's transportation are well maintained and safe in accordance with the agency's system of inspection and maintenance. First-aid kits are available in all vehicles. Provider Manual Reference: 11.10.a.; 16.5.b.	
Outcome 3C. Safeguards are in pla	nce to protect t	he person from harm.	
Indicators	Results	Guidance	Comments
3.C.1. The person and family members report they understand the reporting system for reportable incidents and know what to expect when a report has been made.	Y NA IJ	Individual Interview and/or other review activities as needed The person knows what to do if someone mistreats him/her or fails to provide needed assistance to him/her (or is supported as needed to respond to these issues).	
3.C.2. The person and family members report they feel that they can report incidents without fear of retaliation.	Y	Individual Interview and/or other review activities as needed	

*3.C.5. Provider staff are knowledgeable	Υ 🗌	Interview	
about the protection from harm policies and	N \square		
procedures.	NA 🗌	For all settings in which they work, staff	
	IJ 🗔	are able to locate available incident	
		reporting documents and are	
		knowledgeable about incident	
		management policies and procedures.	
		management policies and procedures.	
		Staff know how to access the State	
		Investigator contact number; and, are	
		knowledgeable about how to identify and	
		report instances of suspected abuse,	
		neglect or exploitation.	
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		Provider Manual Reference:	
		18.4.a.	
3.C.7. Provider staff report feeling safe to	Υ	Individual (Staff) Interview	
report incidents without fear of retaliation.	N \square		
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	IJ 🖂		
3. C.10. The provider reports incidents as	Υ	Individual documentation and interview(s)	
required by DMRS, including following		indicate timely and appropriate reporting.	
	N \square	indicate timely and appropriate reporting.	
timeframes and directing the report to the	NA 🗌	Dravider Manual Deference: Table 40.4	
appropriate party.	∣IJ □	Provider Manual Reference: Table 18.4.;	
		18.4.	
*3.C.13. Medication variances are reported	Υ	Medication variances are effectively	
and addressed in a timely manner.	In □	detected, responded to, and reported per	
·	NA 🗍	agency and DMRS policy and	
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		Provider Manual Reference: 11.8.;	
		18.4.b. 4); DMRS Medication Training.	
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Domain 4. Rights, Respect and Dignity

Outcome 4A. The person is valued	, respected and	d treated with dignity.	
Indicators	Results	Guidance	Comments
4.A.1. The person and family members report that the person is valued, respected, and treated with dignity.	Y N NA IJ	Individual Interview and/or other review activities as indicated Direct Observation	
4.A.2. The person experiences positive interactions with others.	Y	Provider Manual Reference: 2.4.a. 1) Individual Interview and/or other review activities as indicated Direct Observation	
*4.A.5. Providers demonstrate and provide supports that promote value, respect and fair treatment for persons they serve.	Y	Direct Observation (may include review of documentation) The person is referred to by name. The person is referred to appropriately (i.e., slang terms or disability labels are not used to refer to the person). Staff interacts with the person in a manner of mutual respect and cooperation. The person is treated with dignity, respect and fairness; is listened to, responded to and treated as an adult (if an adult). Appointments made with the person by provider staff are kept and on time, as arranged. Services and supports are consistently	

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		implemented in accordance with the person's current preferred lifestyle and related needs, and in a manner to increase personal independence, productivity, integration and inclusion. Personal information is maintained in a confidential manner.	
		Provider Manual Reference: 2.4.a. 6); 2.5.a. 3); 2.6.; 2.7.a.; 2.9. 6.5. 1), 2); 6.8.	
Outcome 4B. The person has a pos	sitive image in	the community.	
Indicators	Results	Guidance	Comments
4.B.1. The person has a positive image (e.g., does age appropriate activities, appearance, works and lives in typical settings) in the community.	Y N NA IJ	Individual Interview and/or other review activities as indicated Direct Observation	
		Provider Manual Reference: 2.4.a. 6)	
4.B.3. Provider staff support people to have a positive image within the community.	N	Individual Interview and/or other review activities as indicated Direct Observation	
		The person is supported to engage in life activities that are typical of people without disabilities. Provider Manual Reference: 2.2.a. 5);	
		2.4.a 6)	

Outcome 4C. The person exercise	es his or her rig	hts.	
Indicators	Results	Guidance	Comments
4.C.1. The person and family members report they understand their rights.	Y	Individual Interview and/or other review activities as indicated	
	NA 🗌 IJ 🗍	The person and/or legal representative report he or she has been provided with understandable information regarding his/her rights as a citizen, grievance and appeal rights, rights to confidentiality, to access records, and to decide with whom to share information.	
		Provider Manual Reference: 2.1.; 2.2.; 2.3.; 2.4.a. 2) – 21); 2.4.c.; 2.6.	
*4.C.2. The person has time, space and opportunity for privacy.	Y	Individual Interview and/or other review activities as indicated Direct Observation	
		The person has time, space and opportunities for privacy, including closed doors, no one entering personal space without seeking permission, access to a private telephone, visiting and grooming/dressing space, private mail.	
		Record Review	
		Review of provider documentation (including daily notes, monthly reviews, etc.) indicates no problems with privacy.	
		Provider Manual Reference: 2.4.a. 13) – 16); 2.6.c.	

*4.C.7. The person exercises his or her rights without inappropriate restriction.	Y	Individual Interview and/or other review activities as indicated Direct Observation The person is appropriately supported to	
		have basic rights and to have as much control over his/her life as possible. Information is not released without current consent signed by the person and/or his or her legal representative. Provider Manual Reference: 2.22.r., s.	
4.C.8. The person and family members report they know whom to contact regarding problems and concerns.	Y	Licensure: 0940-5-6.07 Individual Interview and/or other review activities as indicated Direct Observation The person and legal representative have been provided individually appropriate information regarding how to access complaint resolution processes if complaints arise concerning his/her services, including such processes both for his/her service provider and for the Regional Office. Provider Manual Reference: 2.10.; 2.11.; 2.22.s.; 6.4.	
4.C.9. The person and family members indicate that reported problems and concerns are resolved in a timely and courteous manner.	Y	Individual Interview and/or other review activities as indicated Direct Observation Provider Manual Reference: 2.10.; 2.11.; 6.4.	

Outcome 4D. Restricted interventions are imposed only with due process. **Indicators** Results Guidance Comments 4.D.2. The person and family members Individual Interview and/or other review report that they knowingly and voluntarily activities as indicated Ν gave consent to restricted interventions NA 🗌 and have the opportunity to refuse, If there is any restricted intervention or IJ withdraw, or modify approval. psychotropic medication being used by the person, the person and his/her family and/or legal representative have received information about risks, benefits, side effects and alternatives, and have given voluntary, informed, documented consent for the use of the intervention or medication. Consents are renewed according to the DMRS provider manual. Provider Manual Reference: 2.22. *4.D.3. Restricted interventions are Providers take collaborative and reviewed and/or approved by the Behavior Ν coordinated action to: Supports and Human Rights Committees. Obtain Human Rights Committee NA review of the use of psychotropic medication(s); Obtain Human Rights Committee review prior to the programmatic use of restricted interventions: Review the use of psychotropic medication in accordance with the DMRS Provider manual: Ensure Behavior Support Committee and Human Rights Committee review is conducted prior to implementation of behavior support plans containing restricted measures. Provider Manual Reference: 2.22. *4.D.4. The provider imposes restricted Restricted interventions are utilized only Υ interventions in accordance with the in compliance with DMRS Policy and Ν when addressed in an approved Behavior person's behavior support plan. NA 🗌 Support Plan.

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Provider Manual Reference: 2.22.

Domain 5. Health

Outcome 5A. The person has the best possible health.				
Indicators	Results	Guidance	Comments	
*5.A.5. Needed health care services and supports are provided.	Y N NA IJ	If implementation of health care services and/or physician orders is required of the Personal Assistant service, those supports are delivered and documented per the agency's Healthcare Management and Oversight Policy.		
*5.A.7. The provider staff are knowledgeable about the person's health care needs and are able to identify common health care problems.	N	Provider staff have received training specific to the person's health care issues, needs, interventions and programs and are knowledgeable about any responsibilities they have to carry out related activities. Provider Manual Reference: 11.2.d.; 11.9.		
*5.A.8. Provider staff take actions to address the person's emerging health problems or issues.	Y N NA IJ	 Upon discovery of any emerging health problems, additional information or changes in health care concern(s): Provider staff obtain the necessary intervention from the applicable health care provider, and The provider notifies the person's Independent Support Coordinator. Provider Manual Reference: 11.2.a.; 11.2.e. 1) 		

Outcome 5B. The person takes medications as prescribed.				
Indicators	Results	Guidance	Comments	
5.B.1. The person's record adequately reflects all the medications taken by the person.	Y N NA NA IJ	If the PA staff is responsible for administering medications, the person's record contains current physician's orders for each medication (includes prescribed and over the counter).		
*5.B.2. Needed medications are provided and administered in accordance with physician's orders.	Y N NA IJ	If the PA staff is responsible for administering medications, the provider ensures that prescription medications are taken in accordance with the directions of a physician. Ongoing medication refusals are reported to the prescribing practitioner. Medication variances are addressed as required. For persons who self-administer medications, the provider follows the DMRS Provider manual in establishing and monitoring the person's self-administration plan. Provider Manual Reference: 11.2.c. 5); 11.2.d. 18); 11.6.b.; 11.6.d.; 11.8.; 18.4.b. 4)		

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*5.B.3. Only appropriately trained staff administer medications.	Y N NA NA IJ	All unlicensed direct support staff who administer medications have successfully completed the Medication Administration by Unlicensed Personnel course, as per DMRS medication administration guidelines, and continue to maintain their approval, per DMRS provider manual. Only a registered nurse may delegate activities related to medication administration. Any medications requiring administration by a nurse are administered only by a nurse. Provider Manual Reference: 11.2.b.;	
*5.B.4. Medication administration records are appropriately maintained.	Y	11.6.; 11.6.d. For the times that PA staff are responsible for the administering medications, medication administration records are well documented, legible, and accurately reflects DMRS requirements.	
		Information related to side effects, such as medication profile sheets, are maintained in the person's record in a place readily accessible to the person administering the medications.	
		Information listed on the MAR matches the prescription label and physician's orders. Provider Manual Reference: 11.6.c.	
5.B.5. Storage of medication ensures appropriate access, security, separation, and environmental conditions.	Y	The personal assistant stores medications appropriately when they must be transported for administration during community outings.	
		If the PA is administering medications, medications should be stored per the agency medication administration policy.	
		Provider Manual Reference: 11.6.; 11.6.a.; 11.6.b.; 11.6.c.; 11.6.d.	

Outcome 5C. The person's dietary and nutritional needs are adequately met.				
Indicators	Results	Guidance	Comments	
*5.C.1. The person is educated about and supported to have good nutrition.	Y	Provider staff are trained and knowledgeable regarding any special equipment and of dietary recommendations made by qualified professionals and actively support the person to have good nutrition. Provider Manual Reference: 11.2.e. 1); 11.13.b.		

Domain 6. Choice and Decision Making

Indicators	Results	Guidance	Comments
i.A.3. The person and family members are liven the opportunity to participate in the election and evaluation of their direct upport staff.	Y	Individual Interview and/or other review activities as indicated Provider Manual Reference: 9.5.c.	
6.A.4. The person and family members report they feel free to express their concerns to providers and report that the provider acts upon their concerns.	Y	Individual Interview and/or other review activities as indicated Provider Manual Reference: 2.14.	
Outcome 6B. The person and fami	ly members ha	ve information and support to make	choices about their lives.
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	Results Y	Guidance Individual Interview and/or other review activities as indicated Direct Observation	Comments
Indicators 6.B.1. The person is supported to communicate choices. 6.B.2. The person makes choices about daily activities (e.g., choosing own videos	Y	Individual Interview and/or other review	
6.B.1. The person is supported to communicate choices. 6.B.2. The person makes choices about	Y	Individual Interview and/or other review activities as indicated Direct Observation Provider Manual Reference: 2.4.a. 12) Individual Interview and/or other review	

Domain 9. Provider Capabilities and Qualifications

Outcome 9A. The provider meets and maintains compliance with applicable licensure and Provider Agreement requirements.				
Indicators	Results	Guidance	Comments	
9.A.3. The provider maintains appropriate records relating to the person.	Y	The provider complies with appropriate DMRS requirements related to service recipient records.		
		Provider Manual Reference: Chapter 8.		

Outcome 9B. Provider staff are trained and meet job specific qualifications.				
Indicators	Results	Guidance	Comments	
9.B.1. The person and family members report that provider staff competently provides quality services and supports.	Y N NA NA NA NA NA NA NA	Individual Interview and/or other review activities as needed.		
Outcome 9C. Provider staff are add	equately suppo	rted.		
9.C.1. Provider staff report that supervisory staff are responsive to their concerns and provide assistance and support when needed.		Staff Interview and/or other review activities as needed.		
		Provider Manual Reference: 6.6.f.		

Domain 10. Administrative Authority and Financial Accountability

Outcome 10A. Providers are accountable for DMRS requirements related to the services and supports that they provide.				
Indicators	Results	Guidance	Comments	
10.A.1. The agency provides and bills for services in accordance with DMRS requirements.	Y	Review of documentation and billing Provider Manual Reference: 20.6.b.		